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38. (Amended) A method for producing multiple unit filters for products in the tobacco-processing industry, comprising the following operational steps:

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supplying a filter tube to a predetermined position; and
inserting predetermined portions of filtering material into the filter tube, said inserting step including inserting at least two portions of the filtering material into the filter tube during one operational step.

39. (Amended) The method according to claim 38, wherein the filter tube has at least one end and said inserting step includes filling the filter tube from only one end.

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47. (Amended) The method according to claim 38, including producing a multiple unit filter of n units, wherein n is a natural, even number higher than 1.

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61 (Amended) A multiple unit filter manufacturing system for products in the tobacco-processing industry, comprising:
a filter-tube feeding apparatus;
a conveying system for conveying filter tubes supplied by the filter-tube feeding apparatus along a predetermined movement path; and

at least one processing station receiving filter tubes from
the conveying system, said at least one processing station
including at least processing station for inserting at least two
portions of filtering materials into at least one filter tube
during one operational step.

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